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## South Carolina Again.

South Carolina, which has cut such an unique figure in the political history of the country, is again to the fore as a disturbing element. The proposal to hold up the electoral count until Congress shall decide whether the vote of that state shall be counted involves an embarrassing state of affairs should it be successful.

The point is made that the election laws of South Carolina and its new constitution are in conflict with the federal constitution, and that in consequence her electoral vote is not valid. A dispute over the right of any state to vote must be settled when the objection is raised and before the count is proceeded with, so that the declaration of the result of the Presidential election may be indefinitely delayed.

This is only a possibility, as it is stated that the house is not likely to entertain the objection, for the reason that no material object is to be gained by doing so. The action of the senate is more in doubt, owing to the uncertain elements in that body, and there is on that account the possibility of a deadlock between the two houses.

The point urged in support of the claim that South Carolina's vote should not be counted is that the state's election law disfranchised over 100,000 of the 160,000 qualified voters, by prescribing conditions which the greater proportion of voters could not comply with. Two years ago Judge Goff decided that these provisions were in conflict with the federal constitution, but he was over-ruled by the court of appeals, which dissolved his injunction restraining the state from operating the law. Since then a new constitution has been framed, but is not yet in force, which provides several tests for voters, calculated, and avowedly so, to deprive the negroes from voting. Among others is a property qualification of \$300, which not only will bar thousands of negroes from voting, but a very large number of poor whites as well.

The legality of this constitution will not be directly involved in the decision if the point should be raised before the joint session of the two houses of Congress to-morrow, the objection to counting the vote being based on the unconstitutionality of the act of the legislature referred to above.

## A Hopeful Sign.

There is much encouragement to the business world in the fact that there was a heavy decrease in the list of failures during the month of January. According to Dun & Co.'s report, there were in December 1,931 failures, with total liabilities of \$27,361,381. In January there were but 1,621, with total liabilities of \$18,369,385, showing a decrease of \$9,001,996. This is a decrease in liabilities of about 16 per cent as compared with the statement for last January and 43 per cent less than those for January, 1894.

This is regarded in commercial circles as a hopeful augury for the future. The Philadelphia Record, commenting on the January statement and the general situation, says: "Trading and manufacturing concerns that successfully stood the severe strain of the last year may be assumed to be in favorable condition to survive the period of business depression now happily passing away. The situation still calls for the exercise of caution and discrimination in business ventures and in the extension of credit; but unless all the signs of the times be at fault the worst of the prolonged tension in the commercial world is over, and succeeding statements of the mercantile agencies are likely to register the improved results foreshadowed by the decreasing number and importance of business casualties in January."

## A Reform and Its Effect.

A striking example of the difficulties that beset the pathway of an executive officer who starts out to institute reforms to which he is pledged, is just now being witnessed in New York state. Governor Black promised that if elected he would stop the stealing that has been notorious in connection with the building of the capitol at Albany. The magnificent structure has been in course of erection for many years and has cost several millions of dollars in excess of the original estimates. From the very beginning the "job" has been a source of public scandal, bribery and corruption. This year the annual appropriation for "construction" has been cut down and Governor Black has announced that he will sign no more bills for days' work; that the capitol must be completed by contract. This action has raised a storm about the ears of the governor, for it has thrown out of work 600 men who have been living for years off the job, which has been known as a gigantic steal, and who were unnecessarily employed at the

expense of the tax-payers by the political favorites who were permitted to keep the job going to feather their own nests.

The men thrown out had grown to believe that it was their right to be kept on the pay roll for political purposes and are indignant that they have been deprived of it. The feeling of indignation has grown until it has taken a violent turn and when Governor Black left his office the other day he was greeted on the outside by a mob which threatened him with personal injury. He was forced to ask for police protection.

Thus it was that so used to the enjoyment of public plunder, in connection with the capitol scandal, had these beneficiaries become, that the governor could not put a reformatory act into effect without risk of life or limb. The throwing out of employment of so many men seems hard, but the state had to be rid of the source of so much corruption, and the suffering that was caused could not be avoided.

The Augusta County Controversy.  
The main dispute between the partisans of the Augusta county bill before the legislature and its opponents seems to be as to the area Marion county would have after the formation of the new county, and the area of the territory which it is proposed to incorporate in Augusta. Since neither side of the controversy will admit the reliability of the other side's maps and surveys, what is to hinder them from getting together and obtaining a survey that will be satisfactory to both?

The Intelligencer has taken no part in the dispute, feeling that it is not the part of an outside journal to interfere in a local contest of such a nature. The difference is one which we trust may be settled amicably before the legislature and among the people directly concerned.

Still, the Intelligencer cannot help believing that one of the sources of the feeling which has been engendered between the advocates of the new county and their opponents could be removed by a survey which would once and for all settle the disputed point regarding areas.

A New York musician met a wealthy retired butcher and they became fast friends. A few days ago, in a burst of confidence, the musician told the butcher about a love affair he had, and went so far as to let his friend read his sweet-heart's letters and show him her photograph. The butcher was so taken with the exhibit that he purchased the interesting collection from the musician, and the letters and the photograph now form a portion of the evidence in a divorce case. The butcher had recognized the photograph as that of his wife. The musician is now mourning on the danger to which a man who makes up with strangers is constantly exposed.

There is no probability of the passage of the Nicaragua canal bill at this session of the senate and Mr. Morgan is unhappy. He proposes to have a test vote notwithstanding. There has, by the way, been a significant reversal of sentiment regarding this bill in the senate, due principally to the well understood fact that it never could pass the house.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch, which favors the division of the state rather than the removal of the Pennsylvania capital to Philadelphia, must have read with some emotion the statement that Senator Quay might favor the removal project under certain conditions. The senator does not seem to be in line with his organ on this proposition.

## SAID ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE.

The present constitution was framed in 1872. Our Democratic friends had just come into power in the state, and were very hungry and dry. They seemed to think of but little except how to get control of the offices and keep them. There was, however, quite a number of old fossils in the convention of 1872, full of antiquated theories, and the most implacable hatred and prejudice against anything modern. These gentlemen succeeded in injecting into the constitution many impracticable and hurtful provisions. Experience has shown how unwise and unpatriotic these men were.—Fairmont West Virginian.

Senator Whitaker's bill to create a state insurance department will end the reign of "wild cat" concerns, and make a West Virginia certificate of incorporation a guarantee of soundness and solidity rather than the object of suspicion which it is now.—Parkersburg State Journal.

There is a bill in the senate providing that the execution of the life sentence shall be transferred from the county seat to the state penitentiary. We do not know that it was originated at the suggestion of the Journal, but the Journal hopes, nevertheless, that it will become a law. Public hangings are demoralizing.—Fayette Journal.

If the proposed game law passes the legislature and Mr. White's clause is taken in, permitting the placing of fish pots in Cheat river, the prospect is that our market will be plentifully supplied with fresh fish during the coming season. This will open up another industry in this county that will bring a good living to some one.—Preston County Journal.

Some of our Democratic exchanges seem to be getting actual comfort out of the fact that they are freed from responsibility so far as the West Virginia legislature is concerned. Why God bless your dear souls, we are as glad as you dare be. We have been working for about twenty-five years to relieve you of that responsibility and you never let on a "bit," that you wanted to shift the load. For once we are all happy in West Virginia. Democrats and Republicans. Now, let us stay happy.—Phillippi Republican.

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board of public works. The farming element in the legislature favors this bill, while the owners of mineral and timber lands prefer the bill introduced by Major Bennett.—Greenbrier Independent.

## REV. DR. ABBOTT'S VIEWS

On the Miracles of the Bible—Jonah and the Whale Again.

New York World: There has been so much dispute as to just what Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott's position on the subject of the Bible miracles really is, since his recent lecture on the subject of Jonah and the whale, that the Sunday World herewith presents for the first time since the controversy began, not only Dr. Abbott's views on the Jonah question, but on the whole subject of the miracles of the Old and New Testaments. That there might be no mistake and his answers thereto were taken down in short-hand, Dr. Abbott slowly and carefully dictated his answers to the stenographer.

Dr. Abbott was first asked if he considered the Jonah episode in the light of a miracle. He replied: "A miracle, as defined in the Century Dictionary, is 'An effect in nature not attributable to any of the recognized operations of nature nor to the act of man, but indicative of a superhuman power and serving as a sign or witness thereof.' The word 'miracle' is used in the New Testament as a translation of the same Greek word translated 'sign.' The essence of a miracle is that it should be a sign or a witness to a divine message or messenger. Now the swallowing of Jonah by the great fish was not such a sign. It was not a sign to the sailors on board the ship, for they knew nothing about it. It was not a sign to the people of Nineveh, for they knew nothing about it. It can hardly be called a sign to Jonah himself, because he was a prophet of the Lord and did not need such a witness. The story of Jonah and the great fish, therefore, the essential quality of a miracle.

"Whether any event narrated in the Bible is a miracle or not, is to be determined by the question whether it serves some necessary purpose as a witness of superhuman power. The question whether it occurred or not, is a question of evidence to be determined like other historical questions. I believe, for example, in the great-est of all the miracles—the resurrection of Jesus Christ, because I think it to be at least as well attested as, if not better attested than, any other fact of ancient history.

"I do not believe that the great fish swallow Jonah, because there is nothing to attest the story, even if we regard the book as history, except the word of an anonymous writer, and because it appears to me from an examination of the book itself, that it was never intended by the author to be regarded as history, but was written as a piece of satirical fiction to realize the narrowness of certain Jewish prophets and to set forth, in contrast thereto, the wisdom of God's mercy.

"The verse in Matthew, xii. 40, sometimes regarded as an evidence that Christ affirmed the truth of the Jonah story, and so once regarded by myself, I do not think was uttered by Christ for these reasons: It does not appear in Luke's report; Christ was not three days and three nights in the grave, but only one day and two nights; it was the preaching and the sea experience of Jonah which caused the repentance of Nineveh; Christ extended mercy to grant the Pharisees demand for a sign, and this gloss makes him apparently grant it; and finally, there is nothing in the verse or its connection to indicate whether it was Christ's utterance or an interpretation added by some one else later. The latter, I believe, is common with many of the verses in the Bible.

"Under what head does the story of Joshua and the sun come?" "The story of Joshua and the sun is quoted in the Book of Judges from an ancient book of poetry, and is on the face of it simply a poetical figure for the purpose of expressing an apparently prolonged day. It never was intended to be taken as an historical statement."

"What you state about Lazarus, I suppose applies to all other miracles?" "Certainly, all the New Testament miracles. It is simply a question of evidence."

"And you believe the evidence?" "Yes, I believe in all the miracles, substantially—all the miracles of the New Testament. They are substantial by evidence. In respect to the miracles of the Old Testament, the evidence is not equally clear as regards them all."

"And the Jonah story is not an account of a miracle?" "I do not think on the face of it it is a miracle, because it does not serve as a sign of anything. A mere wonder is not a sign. A miracle must be a witness to something—a sign. The object of a miracle is to testify to the presence of some superhuman power."

"Do not think, however, the story of Jonah or any book in the Bible, or any one's faith in any book in the Bible—whatever I may think of that faith—or any one's religious faith in anything, however mistaken or erroneous I might think it to be, ought to be treated in a light, careless, or irreverent manner of spirit."

"It is an earnest religious faith entitled to respect from all earnest, sincere-minded people. But it is not treating the story of Jonah irreverently or flippantly to affirm that it was intended by the writer to be regarded as a piece of satirical fiction, and that those are mistaken who have supposed it to be a historical fact. I say this with perfect respect to the opinion of those who differ from me, and to say this is not to treat their opinions lightly, flippantly or with disrespect."

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**Death of a Popular Young Man.**  
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
BUCKHANNON, W. Va., Feb. 8.—Lorenz Simpson, aged twenty-two, son of Dr. George B. Simpson, of two sons, was brought here for burial to-day. Last Friday night he retired in his usual health, but the next morning was found dead in bed. Heart trouble was the cause. He was very popular and a large number of friends from Weston attended the funeral. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. McDonald, the pastor, in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Hutchinson, Burkhardt and White assisted.

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